GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON EXPORT OF AVIATION TURBINE FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various Public Sector Oil Companies have urged the Union Government to put a ban on export of Aviation Turbine Fuel or Jet fuel;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in the matter ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b): Although current refinery capacity is sufficient to meet the domestic demand for PDS kerosene, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) who are distributing PDS Kerosene had represented to Government that owing to non-availability of adequate quantities of kerosene from domestic refineries they have to import kerosene at higher prices at a time when some of the stand-alone refineries were exporting jet kerosene/aviation turbine fuel which is equivalent to the PDS kerosene product. Considering that non-availability of kerosene may assume significant proportions, it became essential for Government to take pro-active action. Accordingly, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has urged Ministry of Commerce to amend the EXIM Policy to restrict the export of Jet Kerosene/ATF exports.

(c): The Union Government is yet to take a decision in the matter.